

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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LIFTING OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the lifting of foodgrains has been declining continuously under Mid-Day Meal Scheme due to which the scheme has suffered heavily during each of the last three years in various States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure proper and timely lifting of foodgrains by the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a), (b) & (c): The details of foodgrains lifted, children and school covered during the year 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 is given as under: -

Year	Foodgrains lifted (in MTs)	Number of children covered	Number of school covered
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2004-05	2189188.00	103922164	903778
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2005-06	1792069.23	119381379	953661
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2006-07	1705792.68	106856483	991867
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Though the number of schools covered under Mid-day Meal Scheme has been increasing continuously, the number of children covered in 2006-07 has come down as compared to 2005-06 on account of a reverse demographic trend in the child population in the 6-10 age group. Prior to September, 2004, States and Union Territories were providing foodgrains (dry ration) at the rate of 3 kg. per child per month. Cooked mid day meal was in operation only in a few States/UTs including inter alia Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Kerala, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. The Scheme was revised in September 2004 to uniformly provide cooked mid-day meal of 300 calories and 8-12 gms. of protein and foodgrains was provided at the rate of 100 gms. per child/school day. On an average, there are 25-26 school days in a month. Therefore, the consumption of foodgrains has reduced from 3 kg. per child per month to approx. 2.5 kg. per child per month. With effect from September, 2006, the scheme has been further revised to provide nutrition of 450 calories and 12 gms. of protein.